

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18309

The purpose of this legislation is to amend 36-1407, Idaho Code, to update processing fees to those currently charged by meat processors.

The original legislation established that any person who pleads guilty, is found guilty, or is convicted of or received a withheld judgment for the illegal killing or the illegal possession or illegal waste of game animals shall be assessed a processing fee. This money is used to pay for the processing of game animals that are distributed by charitable organizations such as food banks or utilized by charitable organizations. The money can be used to pay the processing fees of the illegal kills or donated animals.

First enacted in 1994, the statutory language was established based on meat processors fees at that time. These fees have increased to the point where the fund will soon be depleted, necessitating an increase in the assessment.

FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that there will be an increase in the total annual revenue from processing fees from an average of \$12,000 to \$18,000.

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